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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

¶1. On February 1, the Santiago dailies' international pages covered President Bush's State of the Union Address as their second most important story. (Only Iran's nuclear ambitions garnered more ink.)

Headlines highlighted the president's remarks that the United States would not withdraw its troops from Iraq and that the U.S. was winning the war on terrorism. Government-owned, editorially independent "La Nacion" (circ. 3,800) put the address in the light of the upcoming legislative election and business daily "Diario Financiero" highlighted the president's call to end the U.S. "addiction" to oil. As the speech concluded well past the news deadline here, there have as yet been no editorial comments. Headlines follow:

¶2. Conservative, influential newspaper-of-record "El Mercurio" (circ. 116,807; 2/1): "George W. Bush: 'We Won't Yield to Terrorism'"

¶3. Conservative, influential newspaper-of-record "El Mercurio" (circ. 116,807; 2/1): "Bush Advocates Offensive 'Leadership' in 2006"

¶3. Conservative, independent "La Tercera" (circ. 102,000; 2/1): "Bush: 'We are Winning the War' on Terrorism"

¶4. Government-owned, editorially independent "La Nacion" (circ. 3,800; 2/1): "President Bush's Address Delivered with November Legislative Elections in Mind."

¶5. Financial and business daily "Diario Financiero" (circ. 20,000; 2/1): "Bush: Do Not Yield to the Temptation of Protectionism"

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